



**Rachel Carson Reserve
Local Advisory Committee Meeting
April 2, 2015, 3p
101 Pivers Island Road, Beaufort**

Attendance

<u>LAC Partner Organization Members</u>	<u>Present</u>
Town of Beaufort Administration	No
Town of Beaufort Police	No
Fort Macon State Park	No
North Carolina Maritime Museum-Beaufort, Ben Wunderly	Yes
<u>Community Members and Community Organizations Members</u>	
Perry Barrow	Yes
Ann Carter	Yes
John Fussell	Yes
Stan Rule	Yes
Robin Newton	No
Dan Rittschof	No
Margaret Garner	No
<u>Others Present</u>	
Paula Gillikin, DCM/NCCR & NCNERR Central Sites Manager	Yes
Rebecca Ellin, DCM/NCCR & NCNERR Reserve Manager	Yes
Whitney Jenkins, DCM/NCCR & NCNERR Coastal Training Program	Yes
Emily Woodward, DCM/NCCR & NCNERR Communications and Project Management Specialist	Yes

NCNERR Management Plan Update

Prior to the meeting, members received a copy of the draft strategic plan portion of the management plan for review, as part of the NCNERR 2016-2021 management plan update process. Rebecca Ellin presented a summary of the input that was received through the stakeholder engagement process during the preceding fall; this input informed the strategic plan and will also be used to inform the content of program chapters which will provide more detailed information regarding the work the Reserve does and how it relates to the sites. She also provided an overview of the process used to develop the draft strategic plan and reviewed the format and content of the plan. Whitney Jenkins facilitated a group discussion with the Local Advisory Committee members. During the discussion, members had the opportunity to

ask questions and provide comments on each element of the strategic plan: the vision and mission, the goals and objectives associated with the administrative, research, education and stewardship aspects of the Reserve's work, and the newly developed topical areas. Rebecca provided additional information regarding the next steps in the management plan update process which include submitting the strategic plan for NOAA review and development of the content of the chapters associated with each of the program areas mentioned above.

Reserve-wide and Site Update Report Review

- Members acknowledged receipt of the report containing information and updates on reserve-wide activities and site conditions and programs prior to the meeting. No member comments or questions were received.

New Business

- None

Roundtable Discussion

- No additional member comments.

Public Comments

- None

Action Items

- Paula will address questions that arose from discussion of Reserve boundaries, specifically a past study to acquire Sand Dollar Island.